

AGILE 

**AGILE – Agriculture Growth and Innovation
for Livelihood Enhancement**
Stichting War Child Alliance

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AGILE creates sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for women, youth, and refugees in Uganda by aligning VET and skills development with the real labour market needs of agribusiness value chains, with a focus on the coffee and horticulture sectors.

Context

In the Kyegegwa and Kikuube districts in Uganda, the agribusiness sector, especially coffee and horticulture, offer strong employment potential but face persistent skills gaps, limited certification and weak integration of vulnerable groups in the value chains. Many young people, women and refugees lack access to market-relevant training and pathways into decent work. At the same time, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and farmers struggle to find skilled labour that meets productivity and international quality standards. AGILE addresses this mismatch by linking skills development directly to demand within local agribusiness value chains.



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The project's OP-VET approach

- **Starts from concrete job opportunities**, using in-depth analysis of enterprises, SMEs and farmers in the coffee and horticulture sectors to identify job needs and skills requirements.
- **Applies a reverse-engineering training model**, designing VET programmes based on real job profiles, certification requirements and value chain needs.
- **Co-designs training with value chain actors**, including sector associations, local authorities, and accredited training institutions.
- **Prioritises on-site training and certification** for immediate, market-recognised skills.
- **Links training to employment and market access**, connecting trained individuals and cooperatives with lead firms through contracts, mentorship and quality assurance mechanisms.
- **Ensures inclusive access**, with targeted outreach to women, youth and refugees to support their integration into agribusiness value chains and decent employment.

Key activities

- Co-design and deliver vocational training and certification linked to specific job opportunities.
- Strengthen financial access and entrepreneurship opportunities to support income generation.
- Improve market access and cooperative capacity, including linking coffee farmers to market leaders and supporting international certification.
- Promote block farming and job placement for skilled individuals across target groups.
- Develop digital platforms for market intelligence, traceability, and compliance with EU regulations.
- Conduct market research and advocate for policies that expand local and international market access for coffee and horticulture value chains.

Partners



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Why it matters

By anchoring training in real value chain demand and linking skills to certification, market access and enterprise growth, AGILE strengthens the competitiveness and sustainability of Uganda's coffee and horticulture sectors and ensures that skills development leads directly to employment, income generation and market participation. It supports inclusive economic integration of women, youth and refugees while contributing to resilient agribusiness value chains and long-term livelihoods.

Expected impact

- 3000+** jobs are created (1551 in the horticulture and 1509 in the coffee value chain)
- 1800+** people find decent employment
- 360** farmers supported to obtain international certification



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